

## **USER MANUAL**

D30 Particle Size Measurement System

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### **User Guide & Operation Manual**

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# 1 Package Contents

Once you open your new D30. You will find the following items included in the package:

- 1. D30 measurement device
- 2. Four AAA batteries
- 3. A blockage cone
- 4. The user manual
- 5. A software CD

Figure 1 shows different components that are included in the package.

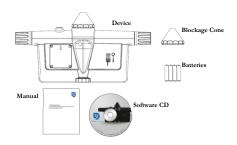


Figure 1 Items included in the package

## **2 Hardware Components**

D30 includes several components which are important elements of size measurement. These components include a laser module, signal detector, the sensors, container and electronics processing unit. **Figure 2** shows various components of the device, explaining various components inside it.

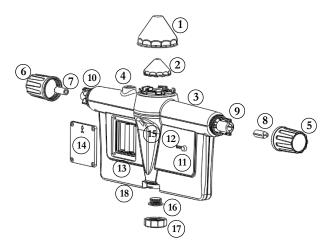


Figure 2 Exploded view of D30

- Outer sampling cone
- 2. Inner sampling cone
- 3. Main body
- 4. Bubble level indicator
- 5. Detector cap
- Laser cap
- 7. Laser detector
- 8. Laser
- 9. Inner channel
- 10. Laser alignment set screws
- 11. Start bottom

- 12. Indicator LEDs
- 13. Battery compartment
- 14. Battery door
- 15. Volume sensor compartment
- 16. Inner rubber plug
- 17. Outer plug
- 18. Stand screw
- 19. Blockage cone (not shown in the picture)

### 2.1 Sampling Cones (Outer & Inner)

The sampling cones sample a small part of the spray for droplet size measurement. There are two sampling cones, the outer and the inner. They are designed to sample a small part of the spray droplets such that the sampled droplets pass through the laser beam with minimal disturbance.

Warning: the sampling cones should be installed properly to ensure accurate droplet sampling.

#### 2.2 Bubble Level Indicator

A bubble level indicator is installed on the device to ensure proper measurement of the droplet size. It allows user to align the device with horizontal surface.

### **Detector & Laser Caps**

Two screwing caps protect the laser and the detector on both sides of the device. Opening the caps will give you access to the laser and detector. Please avoid opening them at all times. If laser re-adjustment is required, please contact our support team for more information.

Warning: when handling the device be careful of the laser side. Do not drop or hit it as it may affect the alignment.

#### 2.4 Laser and Detector

A laser and a detector, located on each side of the device, are the essential elements of the D30. They are aligned with respect to each other prior to shipment. Do not temper with neither the laser nor the detector. The accuracy of the size measurement is critically dependant on the laser-detector alignment.

Warning: do not look inside the device when it is on or a measurement is in progress. The laser beam can be harmful to your eyes.

The laser module used in the device is a 3.5mW laser in red visible range. It is a round laser beam with wave length of 635nm.

#### 2.5 Inner Channel

The inner channel houses the laser and detector and protects the laser beam. It is also connected to the liquid container. The inner channel is covered by the main body. Careful handling of the device is required to avoid possible device damage.

### 2.6 Laser Alignment Set Screws

The laser module is aligned using three set screws. To access the set screws you need to unscrew the caps. Set screws are very sensitive and their small movement will affect the laser beam direction and orientation.

Note: 1.5mm
Allen key driver is required for the set screws.

#### 2.7 Start Bottom & Indicator LEDs

There are total of four LED lights on the body of D30. The indicating function of each LED light is provided in **Figure 3**.

Tip: always return the device to its protective case after usage to avoid unnecessary damage.



Figure 3 Function indicating LED lights

The type of flashing of a LED refers to a predefined device functional as follow:

- **Green (Solid):** D30 is powered on.
- Green (Off): D30 has to be turned off as soon as possible and batteries should be replaced.
- Red (Solid): Low battery level. The batteries needs to be changed immediately.

- Blue (Solid): Device is connected to D30 Software via Bluetooth®.
- Amber (Solid): Volume sensor teach in progress.

#### 2.8 Batteries

The device is supplied with four AAA batteries. It is highly recommended to use the long lasting batteries to have longer operation time. Batteries should be removed when the device is not used for a long time. Warning: to prevent loss of data, immediately change the batteries once the red light is on.

#### 2.9 Volume Sensor

In order to accurately measure the volume of the collected liquid, a volume sensor is mounted on the container. The volume sensor works based on capacitance properties of the approximate medium. Before using the device for the first time, you need to teach the sensor using the liquid you want to spray from your nozzle.

Note: you need to teach the sensor every time you want to use different type of liquid. Otherwise, the volume measurement will not be accurate. Refer to Section 4.4.

### 2.10 Liquid Container

There is a liquid container in the middle of the device which is used to collect spray sample. You need to empty and clean (if necessary) the container after each measurement. The access is provided to the container from the bottom of the device. It is a cylindrical container with the inner diameter of 16.5mm and height of 102.8mm, which can hold up to 22cc of liquid. The maximum water that can be collected for measurement is 15cc.

Warning: you need to stop the spray, take out the device from the spray, or place the blockage cone after each measurement to avoid the container overflow and possible device damage.

#### 2.11 Bluetooth®

D30 communicates with its computer software via a <u>Bluetooth®</u> module. The module can work within a range as long as 100m, however it is recommended to be as close as possible to the device during the measurement to avoid loss of communication and data. The <u>Bluetooth®</u> module works best in non-metal environments. In an environment surrounded with metal (e.g. closed chambers) you may face difficulty in connecting to the device.

### 2.12 Blockage Cone

The blockage cone is a multi-purpose tool that can be used for several functions. Its primary application is to block the flow of the spray into the liquid container before or after the start of the measurement. It also can be used for closing the top opening while the device is not in use in order to prevent dust collection on the laser and detector modules. It also can be used while aligning the laser to prevent possible laser exposure from the top opening.

# 3 Getting Started

To start using the device, first install the supplied batteries. Once the batteries are properly installed, D30 can be used immediately for measurement. Please read through the operation procedure section to familiarize yourself with the correct method of measurement.

### 3.1 Battery Installation

- Unscrew 4 screws on the battery compartment. The screws are M3 and you need an Allen key (size 2.5mm) (not supplied) to unscrew them.
- 2. Place the batteries in the proper orientation and screw the four screws tightly.

Warning: to prevent liquid leakage while testing, make sure the battery compartment is screwed in place firmly, but do not over tighten them.

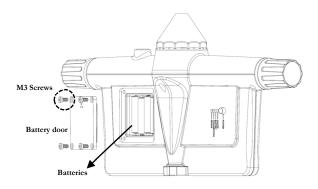


Figure 4 Battery installation

3. Proceed to operation procedure on how to perform a measurement.

## 4 Operation Procedure

There are a number of steps for every measurement procedure using the device. These steps are divided into three stages: pre-measurement setup, measurement, and data analysis steps. Following these steps will ensure a proper measurement procedure and will help in obtaining more accurate measurement results.

#### 4.1 Pre-measurement Procedure

Before starting the measurement, the following steps should be followed:

- Turn off the spray to avoid D30 container from filling up or use the blockage cone on the top of the device.
- Secure the device beneath the spray in a desired proper distance from the nozzle tip (refer to section 7 for more information about how to choose the measurement point). Make sure the device is positioned horizontally.

Note: always check the bubble level to have the device in vertical position before start of the measurement.

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- a. D30 can be placed under the spray using a standard stand or a holder (1/4 - 20 screw at the bottom) (refer to section 10 for more information on accessories)
- Tip: It is recommended to always use the blockage cone before and after each measurement.
- Turn on the device by pushing the on/off measurem bottom on the device. Now the green light should be solid (refer to section 2.7 for LED indicators guide)
- 4. Start the computer software from a computer close to the device (refer to section 6 for software operation).
- Connect the device through <u>Bluetooth®</u> to the computer software. (refer to section 6.2.6 for software operation).
- 6. If this is the first time you are using the device or it is the first time you want to test a specific liquid you need to teach (re-teach) the volume sensor to recognize the testing liquid (refer to section 4.4).
- Note: you need to pair the devices only for the first time. Thereafter, you just need to connect them.
- 7. Provide the necessary information to start the measurement in the computer software. There are some required information that are essential to run a test(refer to section 6 for software operation):
  - a. Measurement volume: the total volume desired for sampling.

- Step volume: the desired intervals to report the results. Reporting increments can be as small as 1cc.
- 8. Now the device is ready to start the test.

#### 4.2 Measurement Procedure

Once everything is ready for measurement, make sure the top cone is covered until the moment you want to start the measurement:

- Open the nozzle flow and set the desired spray conditions. For more conclusive results, the nozzle pressure fluctuations should be minimized.
- Wait long enough until the initial unsteady nozzle flow passes and a steady state flow is achieved.
- 3. Press the start bottom on the software.
- 4. Remove the blockage cone from the top of the device (on the top cone).
- Wait until all the reports are displayed on the screen and the software indicates that the measurement has finished.
- 6. Remove the device, or put back the blockage cone on, or shut off the nozzle.
- 7. Review and save the final results.

### 4.3 Data Analysis Procedure

When the measurement is finished, you have to make sure that you have performed a proper measurement procedure and have obtained accurate results. Please refer to 7 for detailed information regarding the measurement result interpretation and analysis as well as measurement range and D30 limitations.

After saving the results, if you are not planning to use the device under the same settings immediately, it is recommended to turn off the device, empty the container and put it back in the protective casing.

### 4.4 Volume Sensor Teaching

The volume measurement sensor measures the physical characteristics of the liquid and associates it to a liquid volume inside the container specified by the user. Therefore, in order to use it, the user defines the characteristics of zero volume and maximum volume for the device with a given liquid, and the device interpolates the values for the volumes in between. In order to teach the volume sensor:

Warning: During the teaching and operation processes, keep the device far from electromagnetic waves and fields.

- Place the device on a horizontal surface, ideally not on a metal surface. You
  can use the screw at the bottom of the device to secure it.
- 2. Click on the sensor menu on the software (Figure 11).
- 3. Click on the 'teaching' option (Figure 11)
- 4. Make sure the container of the device is empty.
- In the pop-up window minimum volume is set to "0" by default and it cannot be changed.
- 6. Press 'teach low mode'.
- Wait for 'teach low mode is finished' indication in the software (the amber light on the device will blink during the teaching process).
- 8. Fill the container using a syringe to the maximum testing volume required (refer to section 2.10 for more information).
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straight,

- 9. In the "Max Vol (cc)" input the amount water filled in step 7.
- 10. Press 'teach high mode'. ( Figure 5)
- 11. Wait for 'teach high mode is finished' indication in the software (the amber light on the device will blink during the teaching process).
- 12. Now the sensor is ready to use.
- 13. Empty the container before starting a measurement.
- 14. It is recommended to check the initial volume before each test to make sure it is zero. To do so, just push the start bottom while the spray is off (and the

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- container cap is plugged in) and check the reported initial volume in the software.
- 15. If the initial volume is not zero, dry the inside of the container using a soft cloth and try again.



Figure 5 Teaching menu

## **5 Theory of Operation**

D30 works based on the principle of counting the droplets and measuring their total volume at the same time. A laser light source is emitted onto a light sensor inside the measurement channel. Once a liquid droplet passes the laser, the light detector receives a changing analog signal. The analog signal is sent to a software that analyzes the signal from the spray and counts the number of passing droplets. The droplets that are passed the laser all get accumulated in the container at the bottom of the device and a sensor measures the volume of the liquid in the container.

D30 first calculates the average volume of the droplets using the following equation:

$$V_{ave} = \frac{V_{total}}{N}$$
 Equation 1

where N is the total number of droplets counted by the device.

The average diameter is:

$$D_{30} = \left(\frac{6V_{ave}}{\pi}\right)^{1/3}$$
 Equation 2

There are several common averages to represent the average of the diameter of a population particles. The general representation is:

$$D_{mn} = \left(\frac{\sum N_i D_i^m}{\sum N_i D_i^n}\right)^{n/m}$$
 Equation 3

In the above equation if m and n are replaced with 3 and 0 respectively  $D_{30}$  will be defined as:

$$D_{30} = \left(\frac{\sum N_i D_i^3}{\sum N_i}\right)^{1/3}$$
 Equation 4

Which means that the method used in this device measures the average diameter, D<sub>30</sub>. Once D<sub>30</sub> is measured, the software will calculate the droplet size distribution and all other averages based on the Tankino & Li theory (X. Li, R.S. Tankino, "Droplet Size Distribution: A Derivation of a Nukiyama-Tanasawa Type Distribution Function", Combustion Sci. & Tech., vol.56, pp.65-76, 1987). Based on this theory, the droplet size distribution can be calculated using D<sub>30</sub> and the spray mass flow rate. The normalized droplet size distribution is described as:

$$\frac{dN}{dD} = \frac{3}{D_{30}^3} D^2 \exp(-\frac{D^3}{D_{30}^3})$$
 Equation 5

### 6 D30 Software

D30 is provided with a software (with the same name) to operate the device. The software is available on a CD which is supplied inside the package. It also can be downloaded from D30 website: <a href="https://www.spraysizer.com">www.spraysizer.com</a>

### 6.1 Installation & Minimum Requirements

The software can be installed on any computer with Windows XP and higher operating system. However it is recommended to use Windows 7 for the best performance.

Please note that D30 communicates with the software through <u>Bluetooth®</u> connection. Therefore, it has to be installed on a computer with <u>Bluetooth®</u> capability. If such computer is not available, a <u>Bluetooth®</u> dongle is required. <u>Bluetooth®</u> dongle is not supplied inside the package and it can be purchased separately. You can contact us to obtain it or you can obtain any generic <u>Bluetooth®</u> dongle (refer to section 10).

In order to install the software, open the CD go to the proper installation folder and run "setup.exe". It will automatically install the software on your computer. It is recommended to restart your computer after the installation. Once the software is properly installed, go to the start menu and from the "Program Menu" run the newly installed software "D30".

#### **6.2 Software Sections**

D30 software is divided in to two main tabs plus other functionality as menu bar on the top. The sections are as follow:

#### 1. Tabs:

- a. Pre-Measurement setup: All the required set up will be done here before starting any measurement.
- b. Measurement Results: Results and graphs are shown on this tab.
- c. **Droplet Frequency:** Live droplet count report is shown here.
- d. Size Distribution: Calculated droplet size distribution is plotted here.

#### 2. Menu bar:

- a. File: The functions such as save, open and exit are in this bar.
- b. Connection: Bluetooth® connection management.
- c. Volume sensor: Volume sensor teaching.
- d. View: The software visual representation can be customized here.
- e. **Help:** A comprehensive help section, including the pdf version of this manual, is included in this section.

#### 6.2.1 Pre-Measurement Setup

Pre-Measurement setup tab is shown in **Figure 6**. This tab manages all setting required to perform a spray measurement. The functionalities included in this tab are as follow:

#### 1. Measurement setup (shown in Figure 7)

- a. Measurement: Name of the measurement performed.
- b. Nozzle: The name of the nozzle
- c. Operator: Name of the person conducting the measurement
- d. Fluid: The injected fluid
- Measurement volume<sup>1</sup>: The amount of required sample for measurement. (refer to sections 4.1 and 7.3)
- f. Step volume<sup>1</sup>: determines the reporting intervals (refer to section 4.1)
- g. Density<sup>2</sup>: Density of the injected fluid (used for mass flux calculation)
- h. Injection pressure: Flow injection pressure
- i. Fluid temperature: the injected flow temperature
- j. Mass flow rate: total spray mass flow rate

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<sup>1</sup> required

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> You can choose to enter quantities in SI or imperial units

- Report interval: Determines how frequent the droplet count data should be updated in droplet frequency tab
- Special note: Can be used to enter any special note regarding the measurement or the nozzle for future reference. (shown in Figure 7)
- Live result report: It is used to show the latest result without having to see the result tab. (shown in Figure 8)
- 4. <u>Bluetooth®</u> connectivity indicator: On when the device is connected to the software.
- 5. Message bar: It shows any possible warnings and errors. It also logs every operation by its date and time.

Warning: If you change the report interval, you need to send the new interval by pushing the set bottom before starting any measurement.

Note: If all the input parameters are not displayed, resize the message window by pulling down its bar to see the rest of the parameters.

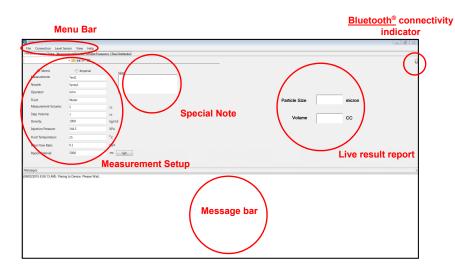


Figure 6 Pre-Measurement setup tab.

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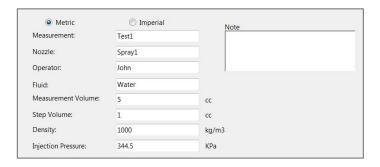


Figure 7 Measurement setup and special note section

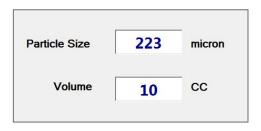


Figure 8 Live result report

#### **6.2.2 Measurement Results**

The measurement results tab displays all the data associated with the spray droplet size measurement. The data is shown live during the measurement. The results from previous measurements are also shown in this tab. **Figure 9** shows the measurement tab.

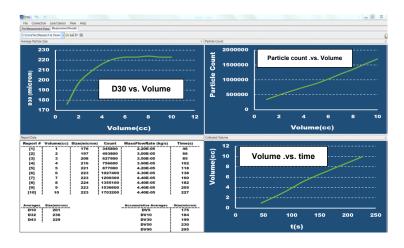


Figure 9 The measurement results tab

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The measurement results tab is divided into 4 sections by default which can be customized in the view tab:

#### 1. Graphs:

- D30 .vs. Volume: It shows the average droplet size versus the collected volume.
- Particle count .vs. Volume: It shows number of counted particles versus collected volume.
- c. Volume .vs. time: It shows the collected volume versus time passed from start of the measurement.
- Result display: The details of the measurement results are shown live in this section. The number of reports depends on the user's initial settings for the step volume. It is shown in Figure 10.

Report #	Volume(cc)	Size(micron)	Count	MassFlowRate (kg/s)	Time(s)
[1]	7	176	345800	2.20E-05	46
[2]	2	197	493800	3.00E-05	66
[3]	3	208	627900	3.50E-05	85
[4]	4	216	756600	3.90E-05	102
[5]	5	221	877000	4.20E-05	118
[6]	6	223	1027400	4.30E-05	138
[7]	7	223	1200300	4.40E-05	160
[8]	8	224	1355100	4.40E-05	182
[9]	9	223	1536600	4.40E-05	205
[10]	10	223	1703200	4.40E-05	227
			Accumulative Averages	Size(micron)	
D10	236			DV3	184
D32 D43	236 229			DV10 DV30	184 199
D43	229				
				DV50	230
				DV90	295

Figure 10 Result display

### **6.2.3 Droplet Frequency**

This tab displays the droplet count by time. The result is live and its update frequency is set by the user in the pre-measurement tab. It is recommended to use longer update timing as more frequent communication will result in shorter battery life. The maximum number of report updates is 50,000. It means if the report frequency is set to 50ms, the maximum measurement time is 41 minutes. If the update time is increased to 500ms, the maximum measurement time is 410 minutes.

#### 6.2.4 Size Distribution

Once the measurement is complete, the software calculates the droplet size distribution using the Tankino and Li theory. The distribution is normalized by the total droplet count and it is used to calculate the following averages that are displayed in the measurement results tab:

• Averages: D10, D32, D43

Accumulative Averages: DV5, DV10, DV30, DV50, and DV90

#### 6.2.5 Menu Bar

The menu bar is shown in **Figure 11**. It controls all other aspects of the software. It contains 5 main sections with several sub sections:

#### 1. File:

- a. Open: Previously saved data files can be opened.
- b. Save: Measurement results can be saved in a text format.
- c. Exit: It exits the software.

#### 2. Connection:

a. <u>Bluetooth®</u> Settings: All the settings related to the <u>Bluetooth®</u> pairing and connectivity is in this section (refer to section 6.2.6).

#### 3. Volume Sensor:

 Teaching: The procedure for sensor teaching is described in this section (refer to section 4.4).

#### 4. View:

- a. Messages: It displays the message bar on the screen.
- Graphs: different graphs can be displayed on the screen using this function.
- c. Defaults: Using this function you can return the display setting to the original default state of the software.

#### 5. Help:

- Help: A comprehensive help section on the device operation as well as D30 software.
- b. About: Software and device version and credentials.

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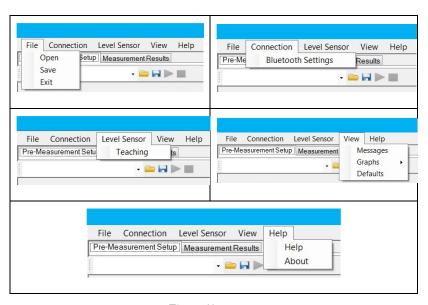


Figure 11 Menu Bar

#### 6.2.6 Connection

In order to control the device using the software, you need to pair the device with your computer <u>Bluetooth®</u> and then connect them. If you are using one computer for your measurements, usually you need to pair them only for the first time, and for the future measurements you need to only connect them. **Figure 12** shows the menu for <u>Bluetooth®</u> pairing and connection. The pairing procedure is performed automatically and you do not need to push

Tip: It is recommended to disconnect the device once the measurement is finished in order to save battery.

the button in most cases unless it is not paired after a long time. If you have too many comports installed on your computer, it will take longer to pair the device for the first time. Once the device is properly paired with the computer, the red light in the menu turn off and the green indicator turns on. Now you need to simply push the connect bottom to connect the device to the computer. Similarly, once the computer is connected to the device, the corresponding red light turns off and the green light turns on.



Figure 12 Bluetooth® Settings

### 7 Measurement Result Evaluation

### 7.1 D30 Measurement Limitations

D30 is equipped with a default set of cones that provide the maximum operation range. However, there are conditions that default cones cannot provide accurate measurement. The single most important parameter in evaluating the accuracy and applicability of the results is the spray number density. It is defined as number of particles in cubic centimeter volume of the spray. Number density is a measure of spray diluteness or denseness. Assuming a small volume shown in **Figure 13**, number density can be defined as:

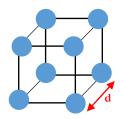


Figure 13 Particle distribution in space

$$n_N = \frac{1}{d^3}$$
 Equation 5

Calculating the number density can be challenging since you will require specific information regarding the spray, and the nozzle operating conditions. Alternatively, you can use the following equation which is theoretically developed for the specific use of this device. Using the following equation and the plot presented next, you should be able to determine that if the considered operating condition is within the device operating range or not. At the end of this section different methods are suggested to obtain accurate results from the conditions that are not within range based on the initial calculation.

The spray number density can be defined based on nozzle and D30 volume flow rates, nozzle orifice size, and spray droplet size. The nozzle volume flow rate is the total volume of the liquid injected from the nozzle orifice per unit time. D30 volume flow rate is the volume of the liquid that enters the device per unit time. D30 volume flow rate is reported during the measurement procedure.

$$N_N = \left(\frac{Q_D}{Q_N}\right)^3 \left(\frac{6A_N}{\pi}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{D_D}\right)^9$$
 Equation 6

which

 $Q_D \equiv \text{Local}$  volume flow rate measured by D30 (m<sup>3</sup>/s)

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 $Q_N \equiv \text{Nozzle}$  total volume flow rate calculated based on operating conditions (m<sup>3</sup>/s)

 $D_D \equiv$  Average particle size calculated by D30 (cm)

 $A_N \equiv \text{Nozzle}$  orifice area calculated based on nozzle orifice diameter (cm<sup>2</sup>)

The above equation should be used after performing the calculation using D30. If the result of calculation shows number density below 3500/cm³, the results are accurate with less than %15 error. The number density calculated and the device limitation is directly dependant on the nozzle operating conditions. This means that the accuracy and applicability of the device does not only depend on the nozzle type, but also on the injection and measurement conditions. The above limitation states that the spray should be dilute below a certain value for the device to be able to obtain accurate results.

The most influential parameter in equation 6 is  $Q_D$ . Since the other parameters  $(Q_N, A_N, D_D)$  are fixed due to the specific nozzle operating conditions. For a given condition, if the calculated number density is higher than the measurement range, you can obtain accurate results by adjusting  $Q_D$ . This is the local volume flow rate that enters the device and is automatically measured by it. In order to obtain accurate results, you need to reduce  $Q_D$ . You can achieve that by moving the measurement point further from the

nozzle tip. As you move further away from the nozzle tip the spray cone opens up and the spray becomes more dilute at your measurement point.

Please note that if your desired spray conditions are out of the device operating range, D30 still can be used as a spray monitoring tool. In order to do that, measure the droplet size once the spray is at ideal conditions and record the results. These results will be your benchmark. Then, perform the same measurement periodically and compare your results to the benchmark. The spray is working properly unless the comparison shows significant variation from the home.

Note: D30 can be used as quality control and system monitoring tool without any limitation on the operating range and measurement conditions.

the comparison shows significant variation from the bench mark results.

### 7.2 Operating Condition Limitations

The current version of D30 is designed to operate in certain ranges of temperature and pressure as follow:

- Temperature limits: D30 can operate from 0°C to 70°C but the optimum operating temperature is the room temperature.
- 2. Pressure limits: The device has been tested from 1 to 300 psi pressure.

Also the device is required to be operated in the absence of magnetic or electrical fields. The presence of any type of magnetic field will impact the accuracy of the volume measurement. It also can affect <u>Bluetooth®</u> connectivity, which may result in loss of connection and measurement data.

### 7.3 Proper Result Identification

D30 should be used strictly according to teaching and measurement procedures outlined in this document. The followings are some suggestions in terms of performing a proper measurement and interpreting the results:

- 1. It is recommended to have at least 5cc of measurement volume. However the more volume you collect, the more accurate your results will be.
- 2. If you want to obtain an average size from the spray at one point only, it is recommended to choose a zone in the spray with the largest mass flow rate as the measurement location. But if you need to perform measurement in any other location, make sure that the spray is entering to the device perpendicularly.
- 3. If you have not used the device for a long time, it is recommended to test the volume measurement accuracy before starting a new measurement. You can do that by pouring a certain amount of the desired liquid in the container and check the reported volume in the computer software.

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- Try to teach the sensor in an environment similar to the actual measurement condition to obtain better results.
- 5. The average size measured in each <u>cc</u> of collected volume will slightly change as you perform the test. Always collect enough liquid sample that the change in average size is minimal. That is the time, when you have enough particles the reported average size is

Note: It is upon user to decide about the satisfactory variation in result.

- accurate enough. The following figure shows samples of accurate an inaccurate measurement due to lack of enough sample volume.
- After finishing the test, make sure you have emptied the container. Do not tilt the device before emptying the container as the liquid may enter the measurement channel and damage the laser and sensor.

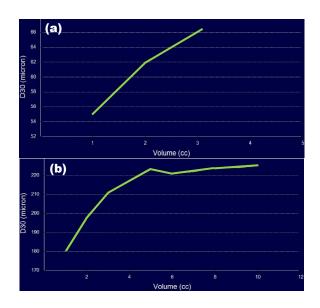


Figure 14 Result samples (a) not enough liquid sample (b) enough liquid sample

# 8 Maintenance

D30 is designed in a way that it requires no regular maintenance. Having said that the following recommendations should be considered to maintain the device in the best possible conditions for optimum performance:

- Try to keep the device in its protecting case when not in use to avoid damage from falling down, vibration, and environmental dust.
- 2. The laser is a sensitive part. The laser is aligned with the detector prior to shipping to you, but it might lose its alignment by time or by physical impact on the device. As a result always handle the device with care.
- Check the laser alignment from time to time according to the procedure described in section 8.1.
- 4. Clean and dry the container after each use to keep it in ready conditions.
- 5. If you are not planning to use the device for a long time, it is recommended to take out the batteries to avoid oxidation.
- 6. The cones are designed to be removed easily by the user. However, it is recommended not to remove the cones after each use as you may accidentally damage the cones or the device. The protective case is designed in a way that you can put the device in it without having to remove the cones.

 The two end caps are designed to protect the laser and the detector. It is recommended not to touch or unscrew them, unless the laser requires realignment.

### 8.1 Laser Alignment

The device is designed to be durable and robust in order to require minimum amount of maintenance. However, from time to time, the laser system might require alignment as change in environmental temperature, external impact, etc. can affect its alignment. A special tool is required to complete the alignment procedure. Please contact our customer support or visit our website for more information. The laser alignment is a very sensitive procedure and has to be performed by the following steps:

- 1. Turn off the device.
- 2. Secure the device on a horizontal surface.
- 3. Unscrew both detector and laser caps at two sides of the device very carefully.
- Once the caps are unscrewed, identify the laser and detector side. The laser module has three set screws around it.
- Take the detector out of the channel very carefully. Do not pull the detector from its wires as it may cause detector disconnection. Try to take the detector out by pulling its main body using a long-nose plier.
- Once the detector is out, mount the alignment tool (sold separately) onto the device according to the alignment tool user guide.

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- 7. Turn on the laser.
- 8. Now a red dot should be visible on the alignment plate. Using the 1.5mm Allen key driver (provided with the alignment tool) and the three set screws on the laser, try to re-align the laser dot on the alignment plate.
- Refer to the alignment tool user guide for detailed alignment procedure and hints.
- Once the alignment is complete, put back the laser cap and gradually screw it until it is firmly tight.
- Check the alignment again to make sure closing the cap has not affected the alignment.
- 12. Turn off the device and take out the alignment tool
- 13. Put back the detector. Make sure it is firmly inside and that you have pushed it all the way inside the channel.
- 14. Screw back the detector cap very carefully. Do not move the device until the cap is firmly screwed in place.
- 15. The device is now ready to use.

# 9 Troubleshooting

The following table summarises all the common issues while using the device. Once you encounter any of the following problems and the solution did not work or you encounter a problem that is not listed here, please contact us and our technical team will solve the issue in a timely manner.

ТҮРЕ	CODE	ISSUE	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Electronics and Sensor Issues	E1	Device is not turning on	Batteries are depleted  Batteries are misplaced	Change the batteries  Re-adjust their
			You have not turned on the device	Turn on the device by pushing the on/off bottom
	E2	Bluetooth® light is off	The <u>Bluetooth®</u> is not connected to your computer	Open the computer software and connect the device through

ТҮРЕ	CODE	ISSUE	CAUSE	SOLUTION
				PC Bluetooth® to D30 (section 6.2.6)
	E3	Red LED is blinking	The batteries are low	Change the batteries (section 3.1)
	E4	Red LED is solid red	The batteries are extremely low	Change the batteries immediately
	E5	The amber light is solid on	Volume sensor malfunction	Contact technical support
	E6	Bluetooth® is not connecting	Bluetooth® receiver does not exists	Use a dongle or make sure your computer Bluetooth® is on
			Bluetooth® is not paired	Go to connection section in the software and choose pairing
				Delete extra com ports on your computer and try pairing again

ТҮРЕ	CODE	ISSUE	CAUSE	SOLUTION
				Pair manually using windows <u>Bluetooth®</u> pairing capability. The device code for pairing is "0000".
nes			Bluetooth® connection command has not been executed	Go to connection section in the software and choose connect
sor Iss			D30 is far away from PC	Bring the computer closer
Electronics and Sensor Issues			D30 is in a fully enclosed metal environment	Open at least one side of the chamber (if it is not dangerous operationally)
Ele	<b>E</b> 7	Volume sensor is not working	The liquid has been changed	You have to re-teach the sensor every time you change the type of the testing liquid

ТҮРЕ	CODE	ISSUE	CAUSE	SOLUTION
			It is not taught	You have to teach the sensor for the first time
			The initial volume is not zero	Empty the container and dry it
				The container was not dry while teaching. Dry the container and re-teach it
			It is not giving proper reading after teaching	The teaching process has not been completed as instructed. Re-teach the sensor
				Dry the container and re-teach it.
				Turn off and on the device

ТҮРЕ	CODE	ISSUE	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Electronics and Sensor Issues				The teaching process has not been completed as instructed. Re-teach the sensor  Check both container lids and make sure they are firmly locked in place  Check to see if the device was at the same angle of tilting as the time it was taught
Н	E8	No measurement results is shown after the measurement	Laser malfunction	Re-align the laser (section 8.1)  Contact customer support

# 10 Accessories

There are several accessories and extra parts that you can purchase in our website. These accessories can customize your device for your specific measurement conditions. They include:

- Tripods/holders: Different types of tri-pods and holders are available to secure D30 in place under a spray.
- Traverse system: It is used to hold the device in different orientations and points under a spray to measure the droplet size at different points.
- Sampling cones: D30 comes with a default pair of cones. But various sizes of cones for specific types of sprays are available that can be replaced.
- <u>Bluetooth®</u> dongle: If your computer is not equipped with <u>Bluetooth®</u> connection capability, you can obtain a <u>Bluetooth®</u> dongle from us.
- Mini Stand: It is a small and low cost stand that can be used both for measurement proposes and device safe keeping. It is also ideal for volume sensor teaching and laser alignment processes.
- Spray Booth: If you cannot put D30 under the spray due to practical reasons
  or you just prefer to perform the measurement in your laboratory or any other
  place, you can obtain a specially designed spray booth from us. The spray
  booth comes in different sizes. All the models are equipped with everything

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you need to perform the measurement including pump and piping system. Please contact us for more information.

Please contact our customer support department for more information. They can help you choose the proper accessories. We can also design and build customized systems tailored to your specific needs.

# 11 TERMS OF USE, WARRANTY & LIABILITY WAIVER

Coraltec Inc. (the "Company") offers its product named as "D30" (the "product") with the terms, conditions and notices as follows:

### 11.1 Terms of use

By purchasing and accepting the delivery of the product customer agrees to be bound by and accepts the following terms, conditions, warranty, and disclaimer.

### 11.2 Exclusive Obligation

This product may not be used for unlawful purposes and that use is expressly prohibited under the terms and conditions of the product.

### 11.3 Warranty

Company offers 12 month of limited warranty from the time of original purchase. Within warranty period Company will repair or replace any defective part if required to rectify the problem. Company reserves the right to use re-engineered part with performance

parameter equivalent to those of new parts for any service performed under Company limited warranty, if required. The replaced part becomes the property of Company.

In the event of repairs or replacement of any part, during the said warranty period, the Warranty shall thereafter continue only for the unexpired period of the original warranty.

### 11.4 Warranty Limitation:

- The warranty of the product is limited to only manufacturing and workmanship defects.
- 2. The warranty of the product does not cover other accessories like stands and holders, etc. or consumables like batteries. Please refer to the individual warranty provided by the manufacturer of each accessory. Defective accessories are covered by the manufacturers of those products. We can be of assistance in shipment of the product and, if available, we can provide a loaner for the period you are without the defective product. You are responsible for all shipping and handling charges.
- 3. This limited warranty does not cover any damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from any alteration, modification, improper or unreasonable use or maintenance, misuse, misapplication, abuse, improper maintenance, accident, neglect, exposure to excess moisture or dirt, storage at high temperatures, fire, immersion in liquids, improper packing and shipping (such claims must be

- presented to the carrier), inadequate safekeeping, lightning, physical damage due to dropping and/or shock, or other acts of nature & force majeure.
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- 6. This limited warranty does not cover any damage, deterioration or malfunction resulting from programs, data, viruses and other files.
- This limited warranty is rendered null and void if the product is operated and/or maintained in ways other than recommended by the Company in the user manual in writing.
- 8. This limited warranty is rendered null and void the sealed sticker of the product is removed, mutilated or tampered with.
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Laser Certification Label: It is located on the back of the device.

This equipment conforms to provisions of US 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11

Laser Danger Label: It is located on the back of the device.



Laser Identification Label: It is located on the bottom of the device. Designed and manufactured by Coraltec Inc., Unit 11, 130 Konrad Crescent. Markham, ON. Canada. L3R 0G5.

### **USA-Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy. If not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, it may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no ensured specification that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by tuning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try and correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the distance between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment to outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### Caution: Exposure to Radio Frequency Radiation.

This device must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

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This device complies with RSS 210 of Industry Canada.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause interference, and
- (2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of this device."
- L'utilisation de ce dispositif est autorisée seulement aux conditions suivantes :
- (1) il ne doit pas produire d'interference et
- (2) l' utilisateur du dispositif doit être pr?t ? accepter toute interference radioélectrique reçu, m?me si celle-ci est susceptible de compromettre le fonctionnement du dispositif.

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